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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Greg Linden

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EXAMINER: Steven B. McAllister
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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated November 18, 2002, in the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows. The attached Appendix presents a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment.

In the Specification:

On page 4, line 14, before the text "While items 161-163..." please insert the following:

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"The facility 162 may include a term score selection subsystem 164, a key word selection subsystem 165 and a purchasing opportunity identification subsystem 166."

On page 5, line 17, before the text "In step 301..." please insert the following: